

"There is always something new out of Africa." As we approach the 21st century, that statement is still extremely valid. There are many scholars who track this phenomenon, but there is no one more renowned than Dr. John Henrik Clarke.

Dr. Clarke, a master teacher, always avails himself of opportunities to share his knowledge. This weekend he will visit Newark, NJ to participate in a lecture series sponsored by the New Jersey Black Issues Convention.

In 1991, during the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference, I had the honor and pleasure of convening a workshop in which Dr. Clarke participated. His presentation was simply spellbinding. Everyone sensed and appreciated his labor of love—teaching. I am sure my fellow New Jerseyans will come away from this lecture equally stimulated and satisfied.

John Henrik Clarke was born on January 1, 1915, in Union Springs, AL. He grew up in Georgia and moved to New York City in 1933 where he wanted to pursue a career as writer. After 4 years of military service, he attended New York University and majored in history and world literature. From his early years Professor Clarke studied the history of the world and the history of African people in particular.

As a writer of fiction he has published over 50 short stories. His articles and conference papers on African and African-American history, politics, and culture have been published in leading journals throughout the world. He has written or edited over 21 books.

Dr. Clarke has taught African history for 20 years and presently in professor emeritus of African world history in the Department of Africana and Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College in New York City, and a former distinguished visiting professor of African history at the Africana Studies and Research Center at Cornell University. He has received over a dozen citations for excellence in teaching and has received several honorary doctor of letters degrees. He was accepted into the Alpha Beta Upsilon Chapter of the honor society of historians, Phi Alpha Theta.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage anyone who has an opportunity to learn from Dr. Clarke to seize it.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA AUSTIN LUCAS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, in the borough of Brooklyn there is an institution called Bridge Street A.M.E. Church which serves as a beacon of light and a source of spiritual sustenance for its parishioners. Assistant Pastor Barbara Austin Lucas contributes greatly to the positive activities and energies that flow from the church. Reverend Barbara has impeccable academic credentials. She graduated with honors from Tufts University, received masters degrees from Boston University and Colgate Rochester Divinity School, and earned her Ed.D at Union Theological Seminary and Teachers College, Columbia University.

Reverend Barbara has traveled throughout the Western Hemisphere as well as the continent of Africa in her quest to seek knowledge

and spread goodwill. An organizer by nature, Barbara is responsible for the Sisters Sharing Convocation in Buffalo, a program that focused on African-American women addressing solutions to critical problems that beset the black community. She is also a member of the Missionary Society, the Brooklyn Historical Society, the NAACP, and Church Women United.

A devoted mother and wife, Reverend Lucas has three children, Kemba, Hakim, and Kareem. She also works with her husband, the Reverend Frederick A. Lucas, Jr., pastor of Bridge Street A.M.E. Church. Reverend Lucas has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Outstanding Young Women of America, the Sister Sharing Award, and the Church Woman of the Year Award. I am pleased to recognize her unique achievements and contributions.

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF PARK SLOPE CIVIC COUNCIL

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call attention to a distinguished organization, the Park Slope Civic Council, serving the community of Park Slope, Brooklyn, for several generations, and hopefully many more to come. The tireless work and courageous leadership exhibited by the members of the council have helped make Park Slope the caring and close-knit community it is today. As a longtime resident of Park Slope, I have witnessed the positive contributions made by this group and feel grateful for their commitment to improving the quality of life for my neighbors and their families. I wish them continued success and prosperity as they unite in celebration of their 100th anniversary.

It is not too often that a small group of civic-minded leaders join hands in furthering the needs and interests of their community. Yet, this group is exemplary for making Park Slope a special place to live and grow up. For a number of years the residents of Park Slope have benefitted from a wide range of civic projects championed by the council. I am honored to have such a courageous and innovative organization working to unify the people of my neighborhood and district. I hope that the Park Slope Civic Council will continue serving its community for another 100 years as they are acknowledged for their remarkable leadership.

HONORING JOURNALIST CRISTINA SARALEGUI

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cristina Saralegui, a distinguished journalist and talk show host committed to making a difference in her community. Cristina will be honored during afternoon ceremonies on March 22 by the communities of Union City, West New York, and Jersey City.

Cristina's contributions to her family, profession and community are numerous. Born in

Havana, Cuba, Cristina was destined to become a renowned public personality from an early age. She was raised in the image of her grandfather, Don Francisco Saralegui, known as "The Paper Czar" throughout Latin America for his prolific magazine publishing endeavors. In 1960 at the age of 12, Cristina left Cuba for Florida, where she later attended the University of Miami, majoring in mass communications and writing.

Cristina's involvements in the field of journalism are diverse. While still in college, she participated in an internship with Vanidades, the No. 1 ranked women's magazine in Latin America. In 1979, Cristina's exceptional ability as a journalist led to her being named editor-in-chief of Cosmopolitan En Espanol magazine, a position she held for 10 years. In 1989, Cristina launched her own television program "El Show de Cristina," which has become a No. 1 rated talk show viewed by over 100 million people worldwide in 18 countries. Cristina also utilizes her talents by hosting a daily show on the radio called "Cristina Opina". Rounding out her successful mastery of the media is a monthly magazine Cristina La Revista through which Cristina endeavors to improve the lives of Hispanic-Americans and assists them in becoming more productive members of their communities.

Cristina's legendary commitment to Hispanic-Americans has been long recognized. She was recognized by the Council on Women's issues as a "No-Nonsense American Woman" for being a premier role model. The stipend received from this award was donated to the American Foundation for AIDS Research, where Cristina serves as a member of the National Council. Other citations received by our esteemed honoree include being named a "Legendary Woman of Miami," and a "Corporate Leader Award" from the National Network of Hispanic Women.

It is an honor to have such an outstanding and considerate individual visit my district. Cristina Saralegui exemplifies the tremendously positive influence one person can have on the lives of many. I am certain my colleagues will rise with me and honor this remarkable woman.

UNFUNDED MANDATES AND CBO ESTIMATES

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 1996

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 is intended to assist Congress in its consideration of proposed legislation by providing the development of information about the nature and size of mandates in proposed legislation. The Congressional Budget Office is directed by that statute to help in developing such information.

I am concerned that the Congressional Budget Office estimate received by the International Relations Committee on the conference report on H.R. 1561, the America Overseas Interest Act, was not helpful in meeting the purpose of the law.

My concerns are detailed in the exchange of letters that follows.